

SECTION 403.00 INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

403.01 Acceptance. Final acceptance is the act of an authorized agent of the Government by which the Government acknowledges and agrees that the supplies and services conform to all requirements of the contract, including specifications, quality, quantity, packing, and marking, and condition of property. The place of acceptance is governed by provisions of the contract. Generally, the contract provides for the accomplishment of final acceptance as promptly as practicable after delivery.

403.02 Finality of Acceptance. Contract terms generally provide that final acceptance is conclusive, except as regards latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud.

403.03 Extent and Type of Inspection. The extent and type of inspection shall be such as fully protect the interests of the Government, are proper under the terms of the contract, and have due regard to the circumstances, including the monetary value and functional importance of the materiel. Standard sampling techniques and statistical quality control procedures should be fully utilized.

403.04 Place of Inspection for Quality. Inspection for the purpose of acceptance of materiel shall be accomplished as provided in section 402.00 of this Part. Whenever practicable, the place of inspection for quality should be specified in the contract.

403.05 Time of Inspection for Quality. The time of inspection for quality will be at the discretion of the agency performing inspection, but shall be within the time limitations contained in the contract.

403.06 Reinspection Prohibited. Materiel which has been once inspected and determined to be in compliance with specifications and technical contract requirements (quality inspection), shall not be reinspected by the same or another agency for that purpose in connection with acceptance. Where materiel has been inspected for quality at origin, reinspection for quality by consignee at destination in connection with acceptance shall not be made. This does not preclude examination to determine quantity and condition upon receipt.